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Mosque-Cathedral of Córdoba

Photo by Archibald Hall

The Mosque-Cathedral is an amazing architectural masterpiece

By Matt Montgomery

Yes, you read that right: the “Mosque-Cathedral”. After the Muslims conquered Spain in 711 AD, the site was divided into Muslim and Christian halves until being torn down in 784 to build the Mezquita Grand Mosque of Córdoba.

Most of its’ stunning and other-worldly architecture has been preserved with one glaring exception: 300 years following the Reconquista in 1236, a Renaissance style cathedral nave was built smack dab in the middle of the mosque.

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GROUP

ANDALUSIANS

9:00 am meet in the Hotel lobby for **Córdoba**

GROUP

BAILAORAS

9:15 am meet in the Hotel lobby for **Alhambra**

GROUP

CANTANTES

9:30 am meet in the Hotel lobby for **Ronda**



78°F
PARTLY CLOUDY
89°/58°

Columbus

Although Christopher Columbus was Italian, he set sail for the Indies under the auspices of the Spanish monarchy.



Spain breeds Art

Pablo Picasso, Juan Miro and Salvador Dali - three of the most important artists of the 20th century were all Spanish.



The Spanish tourism industry is one of the largest in the world, bringing in billions of Euros into the Spanish economy.

Female entrepreneurs set up 40 percent of all new businesses in Spain.

Classifieds

For sale- Pre-cut butter paddies. Includes some dinner rolls with basket. No reasonable offer refused. Ask for Larry. **R-938**

For sale- Hotel Linens- Assorted sizes, Pillow slips, sheets, towels, table cloths- some soiling- needs laundering. Priced to move. Ask for Leslie. **S-510**

Wanted- Snore guards- something to block the sounds of snoring partner- all ideas welcome. Will consider various fabrics, wax products, cigarette butts, olives, cashews, etc. **N-812**

Lost- Stemmed glass of really good red wine- lipstick marks on glass. Reward ask for Diane. **W-319**

Psychic solutions- marriage & family issues are easy. Ask for you know who. **P-023**

Paper napkins- 1000's of un-used white paper napkins- has Hotel logo- No reasonable offer will be refused. Ask for Shelagh. **N-830**

For sale- Stationary bicycle. Good shape but has flat tire. Ask for Lance. **B-931**

Found- Pair of shoes - size 6 narrow Hush puppies. Has separate arch pads, also found pair of synthetic black nylon socks and pocket protector. **S-063**

Found- self help magazine - some pages missing. Comb and mirror also found near by. Ask for Dudley. **F-229**



Córdoba at Night

Photo by Bill Ding

Mosque (Cont'd from Page 1)

The Mosque-Cathedral serves well as the iconic symbol of Córdoba history as it physically represents the peaceful periods between the religions under Islamic rule. At its zenith in the 9th and 10th century, the Mezquita was perhaps the greatest architectural marvel in the world, and similarly the city of Córdoba was Western Europe's largest and most cultured city. The construction of the cathedral nave can also symbolize the brutal Reconquista. When Charles V visited his commission, he famously remarked, "we have taken something unique in all the world and destroyed it to build something you can find in any city." Even still, the Mosque-Cathedral is a stunning architectural oddity that belongs on every Andalusian aficionado's bucket-list.

MY SIXTH TRIP By Larry Clopp

I never quite imagined being on a five-masted schooner sailing silently through a high-walled river canyon on the Dalmatian Coast to a beautiful island with 200 friends. Or taking over a palace in Lisbon, Portugal with music every night and organized tours to surrounding castles, wineries and historic towns. Having a star talk by an imminent astronomer on a far off river or sea with someone playing classical guitar in the night. Or watching a private show in the Opera house in Cortona, Italy, Manaus, Brazil or even putting on a full opera in Monaco. What a pleasure it's been to be part of Castles & Concerts' adventures over the years. My wife Robin and I have enjoyed every minute. Here is to more fun!



Robin Steele and Larry Clopp with family Lisbon 2015